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Greece: Tension has eased in Athens with the shortening of the curfew and the removal of restrictions on movement in the city.

Armor and infantry units still control Athens, but they are now less in evidence than during the first hours after the coup. The Greek Air Force, which apparently held aloof from the coup initially, has now indicated its support of the new government.

The forced retirement of several high-ranking officers and the elevation of Lt. Gen. Odysseus Angelis to the position of army chief of staff may mean that the coup leadership is consolidating its position within the command echelon of the armed forces.

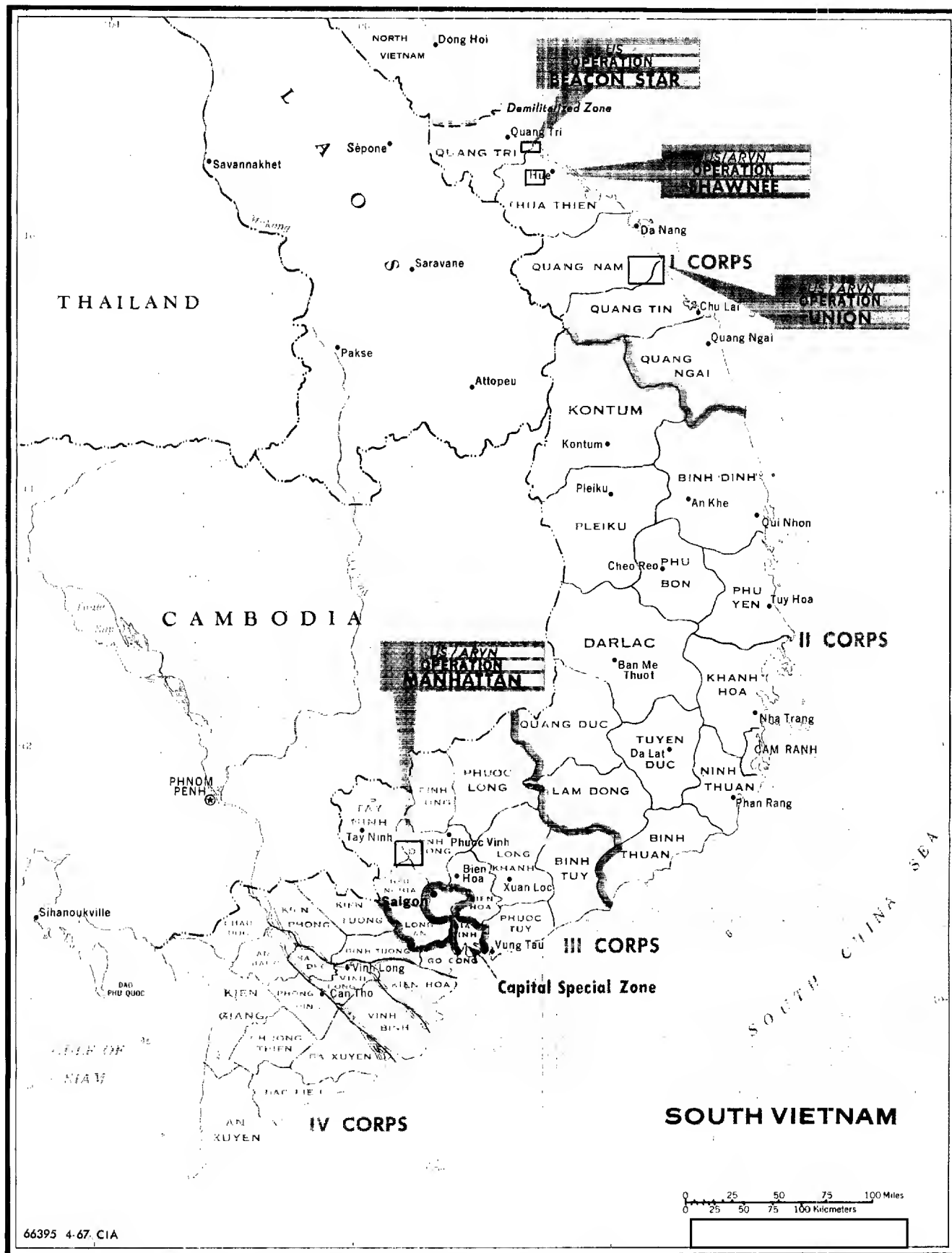
Although the military changes were reportedly made by royal decree, the King is still resisting pressure to approve some of the more drastic measures put forward by the junta. There is, therefore, a possibility of a later confrontation between the King and the military leaders.

A few right-wing politicians have been released, but the roundup of persons suspected of opposing the new government continues. As many as 4,000, chiefly leftists, may already be in custody. [REDACTED]

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*Vietnam: (Information as of 4:30 AM EST)

Military Developments in South Vietnam: Enemy military activity continues at a slow pace in South Vietnam.

To ease the threat created by the buildup of enemy forces in the northern part of the country, allied forces have launched three new battalion-size or larger operations in I Corps. Contact in these operations has been sporadic.

Additionally, a 17-battalion operation--MANHATTAN--is centered 35 miles northwest of Saigon. The operation has as its mission an intensive search along the Saigon River and its tributaries in an effort to engage the approximately 2,500 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese troops in the area and to destroy their logistical bases.

Communist main forces in III Corps appear to be avoiding significant contact with allied forces and apparently are trying to refurbish their force structure.

(Map)

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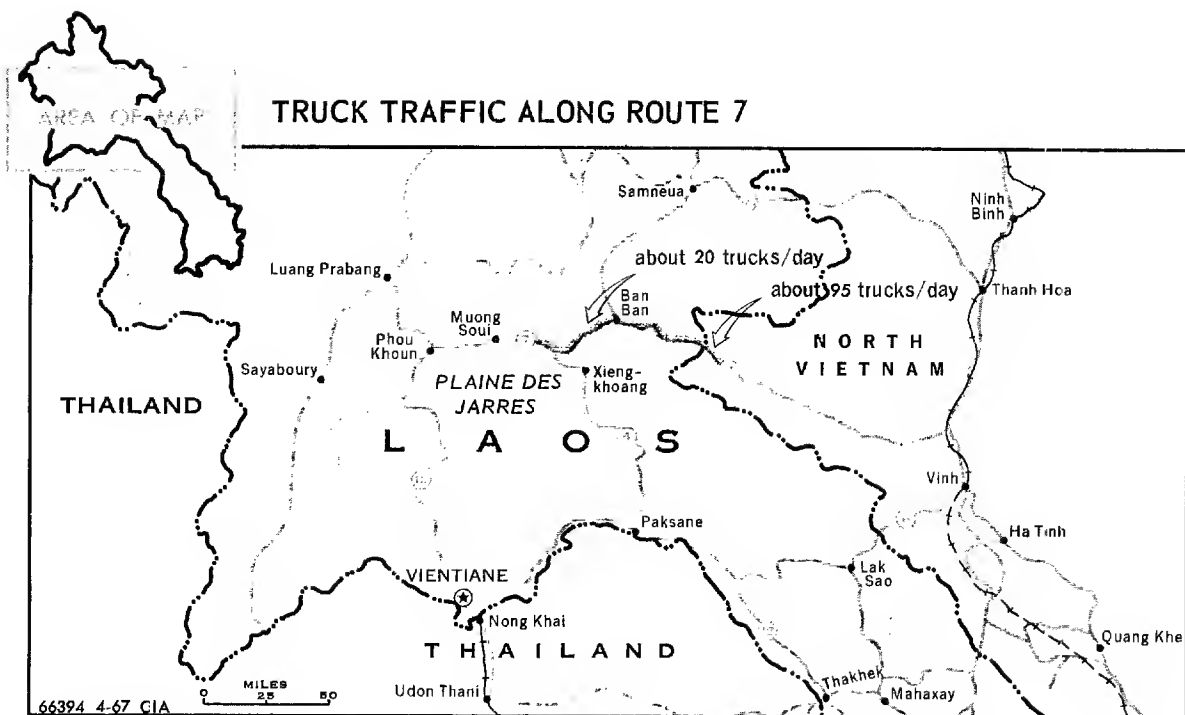
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Laos: Westbound truck traffic on Route 7 increased substantially during the past week. An average movement of some 20 trucks a day was noted in the Ban Ban area--about double the number of westbound vehicles spotted during the first half of April. The Communists may be moving into Laos the supplies which apparently were stockpiled recently in sizable quantities near the border inside North Vietnam. It is probable that they are getting set for the rainy season which begins soon, but the possibility that they are preparing for some intensive military action in the near future cannot be ruled out.

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Algeria: Premier Boumediene apparently is stepping up Algeria's support of liberation movements in southern Africa.

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Boumediene's move follows the Cairo "little summit" meeting of early April where new plans for the liberation of southern Africa from Portuguese, Rhodesian, and South African rule were discussed. This session was attended by representatives from Algeria, Tanzania, Guinea, Mauritania, and the UAR.

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Nigeria: Recent action by the Supreme Military Council (SMC) tends to confirm reports that it is not in full agreement on how to deal with the current crisis. The SMC, which developed a program emphasizing long-range plans for Nigeria's future during a 20-22 April meeting, appears to be marking time in its relations with the secessionist-inclined Eastern Region. There are persistent indications, however, that Northern army officers and federal permanent secretaries continue to advocate the use of military force against the East. Eastern Military Governor Ojukwu, who boycotted the SMC meeting, also continues to move in the direction of a final showdown. [REDACTED]

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Dominican Republic: Various political groups probably will attempt to commemorate the second anniversary of the 1965 revolt this week despite a government announcement prohibiting public demonstrations. Violence could occur if the left-of-center Dominican Revolutionary Party or members of the former "constitutionalist" forces carry out their commemorative plans, which include a march through Santo Domingo. Tensions are still running high in the country following the assassination attempt of 21 March against Antonio Imbert. [REDACTED]

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